its impact on producton in the handloom industry.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a), (b) and (c) above.

Setting up of Currency Note press in West Bengal

18. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision to invest in the proposed currency note printing press in West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) While Government has already taken a decision, in principle, to locate the two New Bank Note Presses at Salboni in West Bengal and Mysore, investment decision in this regard, based on detailed feasibility report, is yet to be taken.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inquiry into the HDW submarine deal

19. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 3203 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the inquiry being conducted by the Directorate of Enforcement in regard to the H.D.W. submarine deal has been completed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what progress has so far been made in the matter; and

(d) by when the inquiry report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Enquiries have been completed by the Directorate of Enforcement and the report is under examination.

(c) and (d) Do not arise

Ninth Finance Commission

20. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed guidelines and terms of reference for the Ninth Finance Commission;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines and the terms of reference;

(c) whether the Commission has been appointed;

(d) if so, what are the names of the members of the Commission; and

(e) what amount of estimated expenditure is likely to be incurred on the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO AFLEIRO): (a) to (d) The Notification constituting the Ninth Finance Commission and containing its terms of reference was laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1987.

(e) Budget for 1987-88 included a provision of Rs. 67.50 lakhs for the Commission. The provision for the purpose in the Revised Estimate and for next year will be reflected in the Budget for 1988-89 to be presented to Parliament on 29th February, 1988.

Eviction of Nepalese from Assam and Meghalaya

21. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that the Nepalese are being forcibly evicted from Assam and Meghalaya;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that they have been living in those areas for generations;

(d) if so, whether the matter has been taken up with the Assam and Meghalaya Governments and if so, the results achieved so far; and

(e) what steps have so far been taken to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by the State Government of Assam, action to prevent encroachment of Government lands in tribal belts and blocks is being enforced in accordance with the relevant clause of the Assam Accord and relevant laws and the unauthorised encroachers, in respective of their caste and community are being evicted as per law in force. However, the State Government have been impressed upon to evolve remedies which may be fair, proper and just to all sections of the society and to adopt a balanced and humane approach.

In Meghalaya some Nepalese were rendered homeless consequent to an agitation by the Khasi Students' Union and were provided shelter in the relief camps. The State Government have been advised to protect the life and property of non-tribals and take steps to rehabilitate displaced persons and create a sense of confidence in them to enable their return to their places of residence and business.

Communal Riots

22. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communal riots that took place in the country during 1987, State-wise and causes thereof;

(b) the number of persons arrested in this connection, State-wise; and

(c) the number of persons who died or were injured and the loss of property incurred, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) On the basis of available information, a statement showing the particulars of major communal riots which took place in various States/UTs of the country during the year 1987 has been prepared and annexed. (*See* below).

The communal riots are the handiwork of anti-social and communal elements.

Statement

Particulars of major communal riots in the country during 1987

Place and date	No. of persons		Estimated loss of property (Rs. in lakhs)	Arrests made
	Killed	Injured		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Gujarat:				
Ahmedabad (Jan. 30)	10	16	1.92	19
Ahmedabad (Feb. 14)	5	34	2.05	7